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TOMORROW'S FORECAST

* The House will reconvene for its 15th Legislative Day on Monday, February 11, at 1:00 PM.

* 6 bills are expected to be debated on the floor.

**GEORGIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES*****DAILY REPORT*****Friday, February 08, 2013****14th Legislative Day****TODAY ON THE FLOOR****RULES CALENDAR****HB 3 - Evidence; professional forestry; Department of Public Health; AIDS; provisions**

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 3 contains a few legislative fixes.

Sections 1 and 2 contain a legislative fix to the 2011 Evidence Rewrite (HB 24) which went into effect on January 1, 2013. Section 1 adds a board which was inadvertently omitted. Section 2 protects privileged documents and work product from being admissible in court.

Section 3 clears a conflict between two bills which were passed during the 2011 legislative session, HB 24 and HB 214, to clarify that the Department of Public Health now maintains the confidential records.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st
- **House Committee:** Judiciary
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 129; **Nays:** 33

HB 105 - Supplemental appropriations; State Fiscal Year July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

- BILL SUMMARY: The Amended Fiscal Year 2013 budget totals \$19.3 billion in state funds and provides for a Mid-year adjustment for Education of \$172.7 million. The revenue estimate for this cycle has been reduced by \$26.3 million in state funds to reflect an estimated 3.9% growth in revenues for the year ending June 30, 2012.

- **Authored By:** Rep. David Ralston of the 7th
- **House Committee:** Appropriations
- **Rule:** Modified-Open
- **Yeas:** 145; **Nays:** 18

LOCAL CALENDAR**HB 174 - Lavonia, City of; change and extend the corporate limits**

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to change the corporate limits of the City of Lavonia.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Alan Powell of the 32nd
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 201 - Grady County Lake Authority Act; enact

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to create the Grady County Lake Authority and to provide for its powers and duties.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Darlene Taylor of the 173rd
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 204 - Sale City, City of; staggered, four-year terms of office for city council; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide four-year, staggered terms of office for the city council and four-year terms of office for the mayor in the City of Sale City.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Jay Powell of the 171st
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 206 - Hoschton, City of; corporate boundaries and powers; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to provide a new charter for the City of Hoschton.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Tommy Benton of the 31st
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 220 - Crisp County; Board of Commissioners; change descriptions of districts

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to reapportion the Crisp County Board of Commissioners.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Buddy Harden of the 148th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

HB 223 - Banks County; board of elections and registration; create

- BILL SUMMARY: A Bill to create a board of elections and registration for Banks County and to provide for its powers and duties.
- **Authored By:** Rep. Dan Gasaway of the 28th
- **House Committee:** Intragovernmental Coordination - Local
- **Rule:** Open
- **Yeas:** 154; **Nays:** 0

**** The House will reconvene Monday, February 11, at 1:00 PM, for its 15th Legislative Day.***

COMMITTEE ON RULES

The Committee on Rules has fixed the calendar for the 15th Legislative Day, Monday, February 11, and bills may be called at the pleasure of the Speaker.

NEXT ON THE FLOOR

HB 59 - Alarm monitoring services; licensed persons and companies to utilize alarm verification; require

- BILL SUMMARY: This legislation requires an alarm monitoring company to use a second contact for alarm verification in the event that no contact is made on the first attempt so that in the event of a false alarm, the dispatched law enforcement can disregard and continue on with their duty. No second verification call will be required in the event that there is a fire alarm, panic, robbery-in-progress, or crime-in-progress which has been verified to be true by video or audible means.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Taylor of the 79th

- **House Committee:** Public Safety & Homeland Security

- **House Committee Passed:** 2/5/2013

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

HB 79 - Official Code of Georgia; revise, modernize and correct errors or omissions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 79 is the annual general reviser bill. It revises, modernizes and corrects errors and omissions in the OCGA.

The committee substitute corrects some house committee names in accordance with the 2013-2014 committee name changes.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Wendell Willard of the 51st

- **House Committee:** Judiciary

- **House Committee Passed:** 2/5/2013

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

HB 115 - Local boards of education; suspension and removal of members under certain circumstances; revise provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: House Bill 115 changes the procedure used by the State Board of Education for suspending members of a local school board following their school system losing accreditation. The bill says that the local board shall notify the State Board within 3 business days of a local system losing accreditation. It extends the period of time the state board has to conduct the hearing from 30 days to 90 days. Once the hearing has begun, this bill grants the local boards of education, by a majority vote of the members, the ability to petition the state board to continue the hearing.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Dickson of the 6th

- **House Committee:** Education

- **House Committee Passed:** 2/6/2013

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

HB 116 - Georgia Foundation for Public Education; state board donations, gifts and other property held in trust; authorize transfer

- BILL SUMMARY: House Bill 116 gives the State Board of Education the ability to transfer items that belong to the board (such as donations, gifts, property, etc.) over to the Georgia Foundation for Public Education. In doing so, it gives the authority over the administration and management of those items to the foundation.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Tom Dickson of the 6th

- **House Committee:** Education

- **House Committee Passed:** 2/6/2013

- **Rule:** Modified-Open

HB 132 - Georgia Board of Pharmacy and Georgia Board of Dentistry; administratively attached to Department of Community Health; provide

- BILL SUMMARY: House bill 132 transfers the administration of the Georgia State Board of Pharmacy and the Georgia Board of Dentistry from the Secretary of State to the Department of Community Health. These changes will take effect on July 1, 2013.

This legislation also provides additional powers of the Georgia Drugs and Narcotics Agency, including the ability to employ personnel who are not special agents and may contract with licensing boards to conduct investigations.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Lee Hawkins of the 27th

- **House Committee:** Regulated Industries

- **House Committee Passed:** 2/6/2013

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

HB 154 - Worker's compensation; awards and benefits; change certain provisions

- BILL SUMMARY: HB 154 is the product of the Advisory Committee process of the State Board of Worker's Compensation. It caps medical payments for non-catastrophic cases at 400 weeks; it requires insurers to reimburse for mileage expenses within 15 days (down from 30); it changes the interest rate from 7% to 5% on advances on settlements; it requires a good faith effort for an employee to try a job made available to him or her within the restrictions from their physician; it increases the maximum Temporary Total Disability (TTD) and Temporary Partial Disability (TPD) rates to \$525 and \$350 per week, respectively.

- **Authored By:** Rep. Mark Hamilton of the 24th

- **House Committee:** Industry and Labor

- **House Committee Passed:** 2/6/2013

- **Rule:** Modified-Structured

** The Rules Committee will next meet on Monday, February 11, at 11:30 AM, to set the Rules Calendar for the 16th Legislative Day.*

COMMITTEE ACTION REPORT

There is no committee action to report

** Bills passing committees are reported to the Clerk's Office, and are then placed on the General Calendar.*

COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE

Monday, February 11, 2013

TBD	Floor Session (LD15)	HOUSE CHAMBER (1:00pm)
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Jacobs (Subcommittee Two) of Judiciary Civil	132 CAP (or Upon Adjournment)
11:30 AM - 12:00 PM	RULES	341 CAP
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Appropriation Public Safety Subcommittee	415 CLOB
3:00 PM - 5:00 PM	HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES	606 CLOB
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Welchs Subcommittee of Juvenile Justice	406 CLOB

** This meeting schedule is up to date at the time of this report, but meeting dates and times are subject to change. To keep up with the latest schedule please visit www.house.ga.gov and click on [Meetings Calendar](#).*